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SUBJECT:AIRPORT PROCEDURES FOR DIPLOMATIC MAIL

MAY 17 SOVIET EMBASSY PHONED AND ASKED FOR DEPARTMENT'S
HELP IN ARRANGING FOR PERMISSION FOR SOVIET EMBASSY TO
DRIVE EMBASSY VEHICLE TO PLANE FOR LOADING OF DIPLOMATIC
MAIL AT DULLES ON MAY 19 AEROFLOT FLIGHT. MAY 18 DEPARTMENT
PHONED SOVIET EMBASSY AND SAID DEPARTMENT DECLINED TO ASSIST
IN MAKING SUCH ARRANGEMENTS. DEPARTMENT OFFICER MENTIONED
RECENT PROBLEM EMBASSY MOSCOW EXPERIENCED WITH SUPPORT
FLIGHT AND WITH CUSTOMS CLEARANCE OF MATERIAL ARRIVING ON
SCHEDULED FLIGHTS. SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICER COMPLAINED THAT
DEPARTMENT HAD LINKED PREVIOUS SOVIET EMBASSY REQUEST FOR
ASSISTANCE IN SENDING DIPLOMATIC MAIL TO SAN FRANCISCO TO
SUPPORT FLIGHT; SOVIETS HAD PERMITTED SUPPORT FLIGHT, AND
FOR DEPARTMENT TO NOW LINK ANOTHER MATTER TO SUPPORT
FLIGHT AND CUSTOMS PROBLEMS WAS QUOTE NOT SERIOUS END
QUOTE. KISSINGER

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